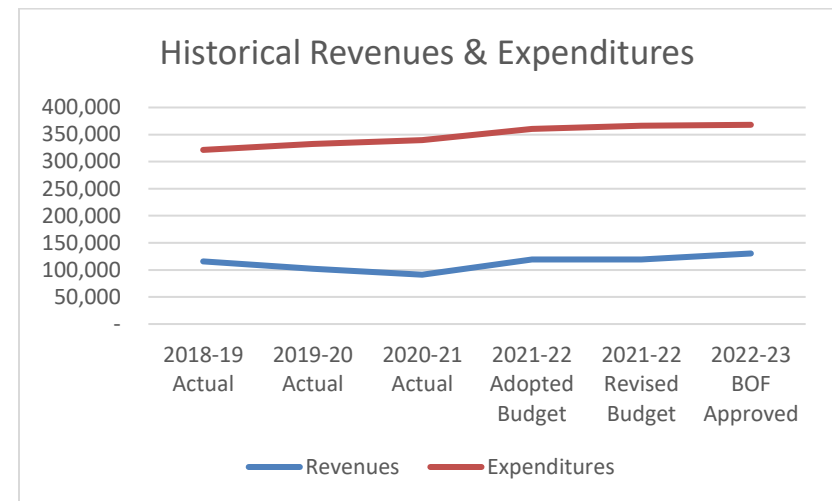
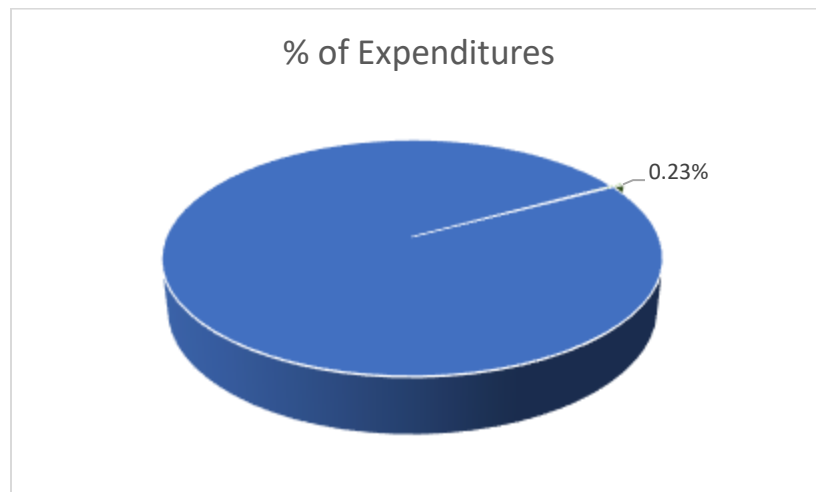


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The goal of the Health Department is to provide residents with timely and accurate responses to questions or service requests pertaining to environmental and public health. Services provided include regular inspections of food handling establishments, the permitting and inspection of on-site sewage disposal system installations and private well water supplies as well as ensuring the safety of our bathing waters, public pools and hair, nail and cosmetology salons. The department also provides flu vaccination clinics, offers educational programs to the public on topics related to public health, submits ticks for Lyme Disease testing, animals for rabies testing when there may have been human exposure, is involved with emergency preparedness and tracks communicable and reportable diseases in Darien, as well as substance abuse reports.



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Accomplishments 2020-2021

- Since COVID vaccine has been available, we held 39 clinics and administered 6153 doses of vaccine. We had no template to use and developed a successful program in-house. This was accomplished through the dedicated commitment of staff and volunteers.

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- The Department also provided the normal services the department offers to the public – restaurant & cosmetology salon permitting & inspections, beach water sampling, pool permitting & inspection, tick and rabies testing services and advice to residents, site plan reviews involving septic systems and/or private wells.

Accomplishments/Objectives 2021-2022

- In addition to providing mandated plan review, permitting and inspection programs, COVID response has been a focal point of our activities.
- providing continuous guidance to residents, business leaders, town and school officials
- In October, we held four seasonal flu clinics and administered 244 doses of vaccine (151 regular flu vaccine & 93 'high dose' for Seniors).
- Beginning in November, we held 4 Booster clinics and administered 583 shots. Additional clinics are scheduled through December but all slots are filled and we cannot take any more appointments. Our ability to offer vaccine is limited by the availability of support staff, vaccinators primarily
- Also beginning in November, we initiated a program of vaccinating the 5 to 11 year olds (who need two doses). 742 first doses were administered during clinics held on Saturday Nov. 13th & 20th and we expect to administer at least that amount on Saturday December 12/4 and the 11th.
- We will evaluate the need to additional clinics in January based on demand and the status of the pandemic

Objectives 2022-2023

- Looking toward the future, it is the goal of the Department to proactively offer progressive public health programs and initiatives to residents and visitors to the Town of Darien. Some of the “challenges” we anticipate in the not-too-distant future include:
- Continued pandemic response to COVID (offering booster shots) and preparing for other potential emerging diseases.
- Working to develop community resiliency to address the climate change and hazards associated with increased flooding risk and new disease vectors such as disease spreading mosquitoes and ticks which are being found further north than in the past.
- Expanded substance misuse programs and STD prevention guidance.
- Development and provision of educational programs in vaping, substance misuse, marijuana, Lyme disease and other public health issues as they arise. Can offer sessions at the Library, Town Hall and/or directly through Channel 79.

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- At some point in the near future, the State will formally adopt a new Food Safety Code which will necessitate complete revision of our local food protection regulations and Ratings program, staff training and outreach to regulated facilities.
- Update the Town's Health Needs Assessment which was last conducted in 2017 using data recently made available by the State.

Five Year Outlook

- An increased emphasis will be placed on developing on-line interactive annual permit renewal processes such as those for food service facilities, salon and public pools.
- Retaining highly skilled, knowledgeable staff is critical in enabling the Town to offer the current level of services
- Additional time for Public Health Nursing to enable more pro-active initiatives in preventative and behavioral health intervention programs will be needed for the town to expand services in substance misuse intervention.

| Revenues | 2018-19 Actual | 2019-20 Actual | 2020-21 Actual | 2021-22 Adopted Budget | 2021-22 Revised Budget | 2022-23 BOF Approved |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Licenses & Permits | 115,693 | 101,875 | 91,155 | 119,350 | 119,350 | 130,350 |
| Total | 115,693 | 101,875 | 91,155 | 119,350 | 119,350 | 130,350 |

| Expenditures | 2018-19 Actual | 2019-20 Actual | 2020-21 Actual | 2021-22 Adopted Budget | 2021-22 Revised Budget | 2022-23 BOF Approved |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Personnel | 289,170 | 309,087 | 315,935 | 328,359 | 334,627 | 332,605 |
| Contractual Services | 31,312 | 22,782 | 23,309 | 30,384 | 30,384 | 34,384 |
| Materials & Supplies | 1,134 | 524 | 699 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,000 |
| Total | 321,616 | 332,393 | 339,943 | 360,143 | 366,411 | 367,989 |

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| Staffing | 2018-2019 | | 2019-2020 | | 2020-2021 | | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 BOF Approved | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | # of positions | FTE's | # of positions | FTE's | # of positions | FTE's | # of positions | FTE's | # of positions | FTE's |
| Director of Health | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Professional/Technical | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Administrative/Clerical | 1 | 0.67 | 1 | 0.75 | 1 | 0.75 | 1 | 0.75 | 1 | 0.75 |
| Part Time | 2 | 0.83 | 2 | 0.89 | 2 | 0.89 | 3 | 1.09 | 3 | 1.09 |
| Total | 5 | 3.50 | 5 | 3.64 | 5 | 3.64 | 6 | 3.84 | 6 | 3.84 |

Estimate of total personnel costs based on FY2023 wages and benefits package. Medical and dental expenses are allocated based on number of benefit eligible positions. Only salaries are budgeted in the department. All other personnel costs are budgeted in Employee Benefits.

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| Base Wages | 332,105 |
| Medical & Dental | 62,306 |
| FICA | 25,406 |
| Other | 1,148 |
| Retirement | 23,915 |
| Total | <u>\$444,880</u> |

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| Performance Measure | Actual 2017-2018 | Actual 2018-2019 | Actual 2019-2020 | Actual 2020-2021 | Projected 2021-2022 | Projected 2022-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Flu shots given | 250 | 285 | 255 | 265 | 350 | 350 |
| Food safety inspections conducted | 401 | 482 | 333 | 248 | 490 | 500 |
| Food safety re-inspections conducted | 46 | 31 | 16 | 26 | 30 | 40 |
| Salon inspections conducted | 68 | 83 | 52 | 40 | 90 | 90 |
| Beach water samples collected | 75 | 44 | 52 | 58 | 50 | 60 |
| Public pool inspections | 95 | 81 | 68 | 62 | 90 | 100 |
| Septic System activities – includes soil testing, plan review, permitting, inspections, final approvals and addressing complaints | 125 | 117 | 124 | 202 | 125 | 250 |
| % of regular plan reviews conducted within 5 days | N/A | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| % of large facility plan reviews conducted within 10 days | N/A | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Public outreach events & activities: | | | | | | |
| # of activities/events | N/A | 11 | N/A | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Average attendance per event | N/A | 50 | N/A | 150 | 60 | 75 |
| COVID Vaccinations | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8000 | 500 | 2000 |
| COVID Complaint Investigations | N/A | N/A | 50 | 60 | 50 | 50 |